

Health and Education Committee
Of the BMCW Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015

Present:

Mary Pat Bohn
Chris Holmes
Coral Manning
Jane Penner-Hoppe
Maria Andrade
Chris Shafer

Angela Aquino
Mary Jo Meyers
Sue Gadacz
Jermaine Reed
Lorinda Patzner
Kelly Hodges

Recorder:

Rachael Kumm

1. Call to order

2. Notice of Public Meeting

3. Education Liaison Update - Chris Schafer, Education Liaison, BMCW and Wraparound Milwaukee & Angela Aquino, Education Liaison, BMCW

- Review of statistics from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- Increase of 34% children served since 2013/14.
- Referral resources remain high with case workers - especially since training 4 times per year.
- Behavioral concerns not tracked separately as the primary reasons for IEPs are based on behavior issues.
- Reminder to case workers that they should contact liaison when hesitant. Liaison can discuss with workers and assist in making those decisions.
- School placements - 58% remained in placement, 37% were enrolled with liaison assistance, and 5% (1 child) required school placement change.
- IEP meeting attendance - 72% were IEP review meetings and remainder were annual (regular/required) meetings.
- Discussion of education liaisons' statistics mimicking BMCW referral patterns.

4. Early Childhood Education and Out of Home Care Data Overview - Jane Penner-Hoppe, DCF Policy Advisor & Coral Manning, Division of Early Care and Education Section Chief

Head Start Overview - Program is considered a 5-star rating for YoungStar qualifications, if all federal performance standards are met. Children in foster care are categorically eligible for Head Start.

Wisconsin Shares Relevant Policies -

Youngstar program, foster parents using shares must enroll in 3-star or higher rated facility. Shares eligibility based on financial income of bio family but the activity requirement is based on placement family.

Discussion around Youngstar rated centers being qualified and identified to provide care for children with special needs (developmental/emotional) as well as becoming trauma informed care trained.

Providing free credit-based training across the state for providers. At it's onset Youngstar only had 16 providers with the education credits. Now offering these trainings to around 500 providers.

5. Current Outreach Efforts - Mary Pat Bohn

Continuing to build relationships with HeadStart facilities to increase enrollment of foster children in the program. Contract agencies are working to have a direct one-on-one contact with HeadStart.